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The DDCI was in the chair.

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Richard Lehman  
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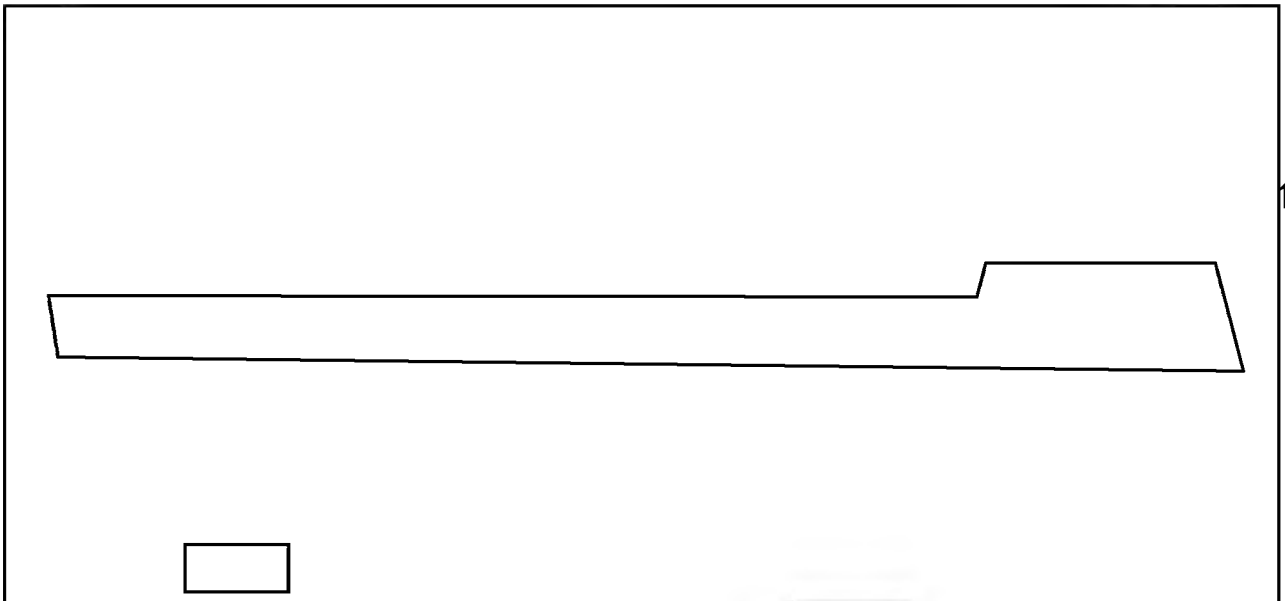


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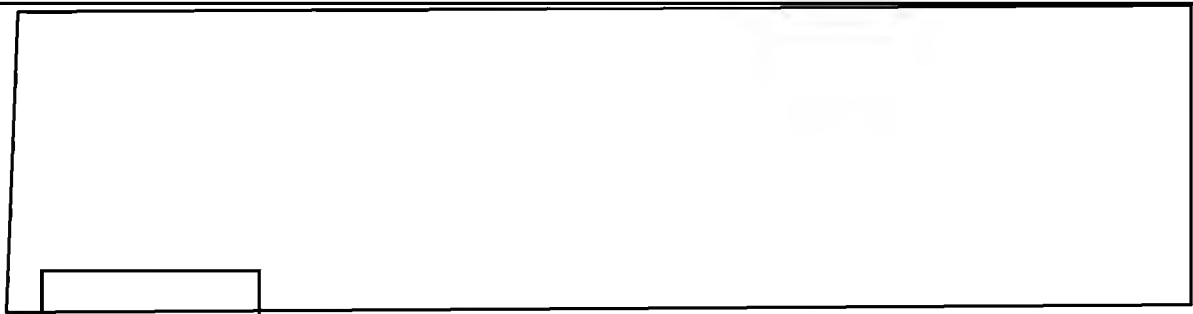
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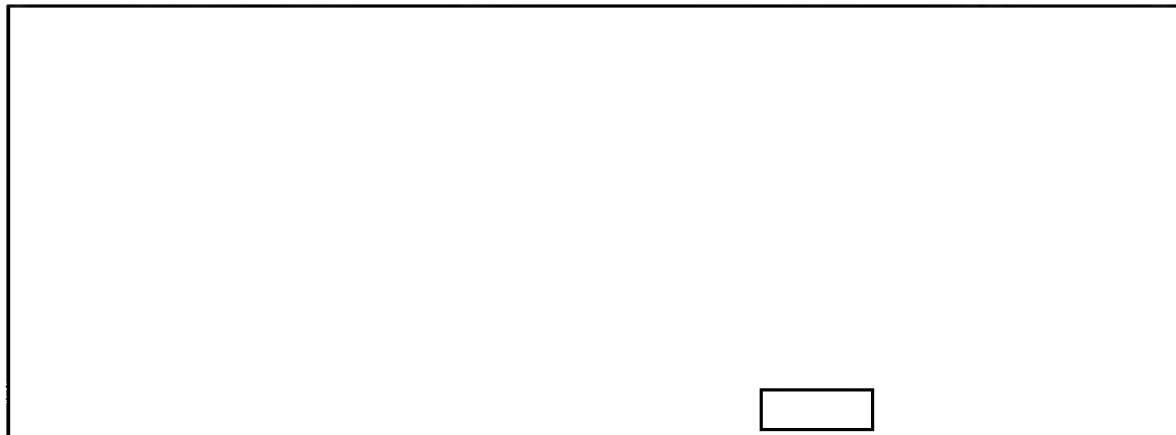
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Vietnamese Commentary

Hanoi leveled its strongest charges to date against the US and its allies in a harsh tirade broadcast yesterday on Vietnam's domestic radio. The broadcast claimed that during his recent trip to the US and Japan, Deng Xiaoping won "approval and support" for Peking's actions against Vietnam. The broadcast accused the US and its allies of "deliberately belittling" the seriousness of the Chinese invasion. It called US collusion with China part of the "sinister policy of the Carter Administration," and charged that the US and its allies must bear responsibility for this "crime against the Vietnamese people" and the resultant threat to the peace and stability of Southeast Asia and the world.

Chinese Commentary

Chinese officials are continuing to imply that China will soon withdraw its military forces from Vietnam. According to the Japanese press, Chinese Vice Premier Gu Mu (Ku Mu) said today that China's military action has been progressing smoothly and that "China will be able to pull out its troops as originally scheduled." His statements are similar to those made yesterday by Vice Premier Li Xiannian (Li Hsien-nien). Li told journalists in Beijing that Chinese forces had dealt "fatal blows" to Vietnamese regular units and were close to achieving their goals, after which they would be withdrawn. Both officials indicated, however, that the Chinese would attack again if provoked.

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Soviet Commentary

The Soviets are indicating that Soviet official Nikolai Inozemtsev's remarks on Soviet aid to Vietnam were incorrectly reported yesterday (See Situation Report No. 27 of 0700, 1 March).

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According to UPI, President Brezhnev will deliver his electoral speech in Moscow at 0900 EST today.

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Soviet Military Developments

Soviet military activity along the border with China appears routine. The Soviets, however, continue to keep a close watch on Chinese activities.

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Thailand-Kampuchea-Vietnam

Bangkok yesterday issued a statement categorically denying allegations that it has allowed a Thai island to be used as a base for supplying Kampuchean resistance forces. The Thai Foreign Ministry statement is a response to charges made two days earlier by the pro-Hanoi government in Phnom Penh, which demanded that Thailand stop all acts violating its sovereignty. In a Nhan Dan editorial today, Hanoi cited "western sources and newspapers" to support its puppet's protest. It questioned Thai neutrality and "appealed" to Bangkok, for the sake of peace and stability in the region, not to cooperate with resupply efforts.

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